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3W, VIETNAM. Peter, **3W6EA**, has informed several people that he is restricted to the following frequencies (using only a maximum 500 watts): 14160, 14260 and 21160 kHz. His activity has been mainly around 1500 to 1630z, but he has been heard as early as 1245z. QSL to: P.O. Box 121, Ho Chi Minn City, Vietnam. Meanwhile, the "DX News Sheet" reports that Mirek, VK3DXI, will be active from **August 29th through September 4th** as **3W6DXI**. Activity will be mostly CW. QSL via DL4DBR.

9V, SINGAPORE. "The 59(9) DXReport" states Mirek, VK3DXI, will start his next multi-year assignment here **in October** and hopes to regain his **9V1XE** callsign.

AFRICAN ACTIVITY (5X, 5Z4 and E3). Jacky, F2CW/ZL3CW, is currently in Africa for a 4 month mission. He is based is **Kenya** where he is expecting a callsign, but it may take several weeks ("If not months!", he states.) Jacky reports to OPDX that he is currently in **Uganda** for a few weeks. He has already applied for a callsign which normally takes a week (if he is lucky it will be **5X2CW**). So look for him to be active soon. Probably the most exciting news is that Jacky will be going to **Eritrea** soon, but he doesn't know yet if it will be possible to obtain a license there. "I will try!!!", states Jacky. QSLs will be via ZL3CW, Jacky Calvo, PO Box 593, Pukekohe 1800, New Zealand.

BV9P, PRATAS ISLAND. Randy, WX5L, reports that during the New Orleans International DX Convention, Paul, BV4FH, who was a member of the last trip to Pratas Island, explained how difficult it has been to obtain proper authorization to return to this highly sensitive island. He went on to say that they are very close to getting the "OK" to return sometime between 30 and 60 days. BUT, he needs our help. Paul needs input from the DX community to accompany his final push in a few weeks. He is requesting E-mail's to be sent with a short message indicating our desire and needs for Pratas Island to be activated. If you need it for an all time new one, mention that, if you need it for 5B DXCC, mention that or whatever. Each message

received, Paul will make a hardcopy of it and submit it as a package to show evidence of the needs and desires of the DX community to the governing authority. He feels that good representation will be the culmanating ingredient for approval so that the 10 member team can accomplish their goal possibly as soon as October. He did mention as soon as approval is granted, it could happen very fast as they would be flown in on C-130's as soon as the team can be assembled. Let's give Paul the help he needs to make the Pratas Island DXpedition a reality. Pauls E-mail address is: bv4fh@ms2.hinet.net

C2 NAURU. Look for Jack, VK2GJH, who will once again be active from here between **August 26th and September 5th** as **C21JH**. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, but mainly on the WARC bands. QSL only direct to: Jack Harden, Box 99, Ryde, NSW 1680, Australia.

C56, THE GAMBIA. Members of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC) are organizing a DXpedition here in **October, 1998**, which includes the participation in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest**. The Team consists of: DF4RD/Dieter, DL5NAM/Chris, DL8UD/Uwe, DL9NDS/Uwe, OE2VEL/Wolf and OE9MON/Karl. They will depart on **October 14th**, and will stay **until October 27th**. There will be activity on all bands (including 6 meters, if they get the permission) before and after the Contest on SSB and CW. There is a possibility of participation in the WAG-Contest (October 17-18th). More details will be forthcoming (callsign, QSL info, etc.) as soon as possible. Meanwhile, check out the BCC Web page at: http://www.uni-erlangen.de/~unrz45/BCC/

DO YOU NEED ZS3? Edwin, ZS5BBO, reports to OPDX that he has received a number of requests regarding activity from the ZS3 area in South Africa. He states, " There are few hams in this area, let alone serious DXers." Edwin wants to know if there is a serious demand for contacts from this call area, and if so, he will consider going to this area in December, 1998. At this stage this is just a survey, but he would appreciate any feedback regarding this matter. His E-mail address is: zs5bbo@icon.co.za

ER27, MOLDOVA. Now **until August 31st**, look for the special callsign **ER27A** to be active in commemoration of "**Independence Day**" for the Republic of Moldova. QSL via ER1DA: Valery Metaxa, P.O.B. 9537, Kishinev MD-2071, MOLDOVA.

FM, MARTINIQUE. Nuria/EA3AOK and Josep/EA3BT have announced that they will be active from here, **October 20-26th**, as **FM/EA3AOK/P** and **FM/EA3BT/P**. Their activity will be mainly on SSB and RTTY, with some CW, with operations on 80-10 meters, including the WARC bands. They will take part in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** with the special callsign **TO8B**. All the QSLs will go via EA3BT. For more up-to-date details, check out their Web page: http://www.redestb.es/personal/j_gibert/

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLAND. This will be the last week to work Helios, F6IHY, as **FT5XN** because he will be leaving the island on **August 28th**. Activity seems to be around 1100 and 1200z. Check 14165, 14190, 14260 and 21267 kHz. Also, check 10103 kHz around 1400z. QSL via F6PEN.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE (Added to DXCC List). If you are not an InterNet Subscriber to the OPDX, you missed the announcement that the ARRL Awards Committee has accepted a recommendation by the ARRL DX Advisory Committee to add the Temotu Province of the Solomon Islands to the DXCC List. The addition will be effective with contacts made

beginning 2359z on March 31, 1998, and after. The DXCC Desk will accept QSL cards for Temotu Province (H40) beginning October 1, 1998. QSL cards received before that time will be returned without action. Temotu Province includes the Santa Cruz, Reef, Duff and Vanikolo Island groups.

KH2, GUAM (Top band). It has now been reported that Gus, **K4SXT/KH2**, and Dave, **N2NL/KH2**, are now both active on **160 meters** from Guam. Both were heard around 1000z, one on 1828 kHz and the other on 1831 kHz. QSL N2NL/KH2 to W2YC.

KH0/KH2 UPCOMING ACTIVITY. The Mariana Islands DX Association members have announced that they will be making an effort to supply as many Guam and Saipan multipliers as possible in the **VK/ZL Oceania DX Contests** on **October 3rd and 4th** (SSB), and **October 10th and 11th** (CW). Activity will be on 10/15/20/40/80 meters on both CW and SSB weekends. Active stations from **Guam** will be **KH2D, N2NL/KH2, NH6D/KH2, K4SXT/KH2, WH2U, KH2JU, N4UQM/KH2** and **NH2E**. Active stations from **Saipan** will be **WH0AAV, KH0CE, AH0D, NH0F, NH0D** and **NH0E**. QSL info for MIDXA members can be found on the club web pages at http://www.guam.net/pub/midxa/

PROJECT DX TEAM (Italian Island Activity). Members of the A.R.I. Lomazzo (Co), Italy plan to activate four different islands this week. The operators are: I2OGV/Giovanni, I2RFJ/Ivano, IK2JYT/ Giovanni, IK2XDE/Andrea, IK2XDF/Giampaolo and IK2XNW/Luca. Their activity will be on SSB and CW, and if is possible also on RTTY. Look for them to be on: **Bacucco Island** (IIA RO-04) **August 25th**; **Piallazza Island** (IIA FE-01 and IOTA **EU-155**) **August 26-27th**; **Baron Island** (IIA FE-03 and **IOTA EU-155**) **August 28-29th** and **Scannone di Goro** (IIA FE-05) **August 30th**. QSL all operators via the QSL Manager IK2XDE (Bureau or direct to: Andrea, P.O. Box 3, I-22072 Cermenate (Co), ITALY

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Hillar, N6HR, reports that the **TF3IRA** QSLs for the **IARU 98 HF Championship** have been received from the printer, and ALL QSOs will be QSLd unsolicited via respective bureaus. "Check out the c-o-l-d Vatnajakoll icebergs coming down from the glacier!", says Hillar. QSLs will go out week of August 24th.
- K8NA is now the QSL Manager for Tim, **NO7F/KL7**, activity from **Fox Island** (IOTA **NA-059**), Alaskan island group.
- The DXpedition by Nick, **RA1QQ/1**, from the Arctic Islands (in the European part of Russia) has ended. Nick visited 3 islands: Kildin Island (EU-082), Korga Island (EU-160), and Kharlov Islan (EU-161). Around 3000 QSOs were put in the log (1040 QSOs were made in during the IOTA Contest). Nick was alone in this expedition, and his financial expenses increased. After solving all financial problems, all QSL cards will be printed and sent out.
- The QSL Manager for the special event station **J47LHA**, which was operating during the Lighthouse/Lightship Activity Weekend, is SV7CO: PO BOX 46, 68100 Alexandroupolis, Hellas-Greece.
- ADDRESS CHANGE. Padelis, **SV5AZ**, QSL Manager for **J54RDS** and **SV5RDS** (the Dodecanese Radio Amateur Association on Rhodes Island) has changed. His mailing address and his new address is: Padelis Vassiliadis, P.O. Box 329, GR 85100 Rhodos, Greece
- **AP2TJ** via W3HNK. Joe, W3HNK, request PLEASE use a #10 business size SASE or a

6 1/2 x 4 3/4 European size SASE as his card is HUGE!

S0, WESTERN SAHARA (Update). QSL Manager Ghis, ON5NT, reports Mark, ON4WW, will be touring again through the Western Sahara. He will be active again as **S07WW** from **August 25th until September 1st**. As this is a working trip for Mark, most of his operation will be during the local evening and night hours. He will give updates on his low band skeds while there. Mark also now holds a **5T5WW** callsign and will likely be active from **Mauritania** while passing through. He will not stay overnight there (5T), so this could be a local daytime operation. The date **August 26th** was mentioned. QSL via ON5NT.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station **EK88L** to be active now **until August 31st**, and again for **one week in December**. This is to commemorate the victims of the 1988 earthquake that destroyed the town of Leininakan (now called Gyumri). QSL via IK2DUW.

TZ, MALI. Bob, K4RB, reports to OPDX that he is in **Bamako** and has just received his **TZ6DX** license. He plans to be on CW/SSB on 40-10 meters including the WARC bands. He was heard this past weekend on 15 and 17 meters, on CW, 18079 kHz at 1800z and 21010 kHz at 1415z, and on SSB, 21331 kHz at 1900z. QSL via K4DX if a Georgia address, otherwise the old callsign of WA4FVT. Bob states, "Nice to be back on the air after a year off and find all these vastly improved condx!"

USI AND IOTA ALERT. Gregg, VE3ZZ, will be active from **Hilton Head Island**, S.C. as **VE3ZZ/W4** (**NA-110** and USI: SC-002S) from **August 29th through September 12th**. He will be looking particularly for Europe stations on the normal IOTA frequencies. QSL to VE3ZZ via Bureau or direct to: PO Box 1345, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R4, CANADA. Also, just a reminder that Eddy, VE3CUI, will be active from **Ocracoke Island** (**NA-067**), North Carolina, USA, for **one week**, commencing on or about **August 23rd**. Activity will be mainly on CW, especially on 40 meters on 7040 kHz (on 80-10-meters, the usual IOTA frequencies). His callsign will be **VE3XZ/W4**. QSL via VE3CUI (bureau).

V3, BELIZE. Just a quick reminder to look for W5JYK, K5KR and W5ZPA to be active **this week** from **Ambergris Caye** (**NA-073**) signing **V31YK, V31KR** and **V31MP** (Refer to OPDX.357). Activity will **start August 26th** and last **until the 30th**. Look for them on CW/SSB/RTTY with operations on 80-10 meters. QSL via homecalls.

ZW4, BRAZIL. Marcus/PY4SM, Pedro/PY4TF, Arthur/PY4ART and Ailton/PY4ACL will be on the air as **ZW4SM** from **September 4-6th**, in celebration of the **176th anniversary of the "Independence of Brazil"**. They will be operating on the following suggested frequencies:

- **CW** - 3507, 7007, 14007, 21007, 28007 and 50110 kHz
- **SSB** - 3777, 7077, 14177, 21177, 28477 and 50110 kHz

QSL via the Bureau or via PY4SM - P.O. Box 120, Belo Horizonte - MG, 30.123-970, Brazil

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